IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For : NON-HEAT TREATED STEEL FOR HOT FORGING

WITH EASY FRACTURE SPLITTING

Examiner : Deborah Yee

Group Art Unit : 1742

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 25, 2003

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed July 25, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before November 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: